

# TRACE DRIVER WHO FLED EXPLOSION

## 1 KILLED; 4 HURT IN SHAM BATTLE AT CAMP MEADE

Paper Shell Explosion Fatal to Child—Man And Woman, Spectators, and Soldier are Wounded—Another Soldier Injured as Result of Collision.

A child spectator was killed, two civilians and two soldiers were injured, and several women fainted during the sham battle staged at Camp Meade yesterday afternoon for the entertainment of the 3,000 delegates attending the twenty-first annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Carl Dornbush, 4 years old, of Brooklyn, Md., near Baltimore, was instantly killed by the explosion of a defective paper shell. The boy was accompanied by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Kuehnle, of Brooklyn, and was watching the battle more than half a mile behind the lines. The shell burst in the air.

### Woman and Man Hurt

Henry F. Volkman, of 1434 First street northeast, was painfully injured by a fragment from a mine, and Mrs. Dorothy Gunz, of Baltimore, had her shoulder bruised by a piece of bursting shell.

Others who received minor injuries were Private James Whodak, of Camp Meade, hurt in a collision between a bicycle he was riding and a motor truck, and Private Michael farco, of the camp, who was struck by a shell fragment.

The mimic struggle was a replica of the attack on Montfaucon in the Verdun section of France, and was most realistic in every detail.

After laying down a barrage on the outskirts of a specially constructed cluster of small houses, twelve tanks, supported by several companies of infantry, proceeded across the fields surrounding the "village" and charged the houses.

The defenders used machine guns in an attempt to repel the attack, but were unsuccessful, the "village" and several neighboring observation towers being eventually blown up by mines.

The barrage fire was directed by a squadron of airplanes from Bolling Field, who signalled their orders to the artillery commanders by means of parachute flares, and the retreat of the defenders of "Montfaucon" was hurried into route by a squadron of whooping cavalry.

### Vice Commander Elected

At the business session of the 21st encampment, held in the morning in the parish hall of Trinity Episcopal Church, Third and C streets northwest, Capt. Raymond L. Murray, of Providence, R. I., was elected as national senior vice commander-in-chief of the soldier organization.

The election of Murray was accomplished only after the casting of two ballots. On the first he failed to receive a majority of the votes cast, the present incumbent, John C. Singer, of Jersey City, pushing him closely for the honor. The deciding vote was 1,133 to 723.

## ALBANY HOUSE FIGHT REVIVED

Legislators Set Meeting to Discuss Return of Ousted Socialists.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Members of the State Assembly will meet here with Speaker Thaddeus T. Sweet Sunday afternoon as a result of the election of the five ousted Socialist members of that house at the special election in New York City yesterday. The meeting is called for the purpose of deciding upon some action for Monday night, when the special session is convened.

Speaker Sweet has refused to make any statement on what course of action the assembly members will take. It is the opinion among upstate legislators that the men will not be allowed to remain in their seats through the special session. Even the amendment of their constitution to fix any objectionable measures is said to have no influence with the legislators who want them ousted for the second time.

## THE HALBERDIER OF THE LITTLE RHEINSCHLOSS

GO sometimes to the Bierhalle and restaurant called Old Munich. Not long ago it was a resort of interesting Bohemians, but now only artists and musicians and literary folk frequent it. But the Pilsner is yet good, and I take some diversion from the conversation of Walter No. 18.

For many years the customers of Old Munich have accepted the place as a faithful copy from the ancient German town. The big hall with its smoky rafters, rows of imported steins, portrait of Goethe, and verses painted on the walls—translated into German from the original of the Cincinnati poets—seems atmospherically correct when viewed through the bottom of a glass.

But not long ago the proprietors added the room above, called it the Little Rheinschloss, and built in a stairway. Up there was an imitation stone parapet, ivy-covered, and the walls were painted to represent depth and distance, with the Rhine winding at the base of the vineyarded slopes, and the castle of Ehrenbreitstein looming directly opposite the entrance. Of course there were tables and chairs, and you could have beer and food brought you, as you naturally would on the top of a castle on the Rhine.

I went into Old Munich one afternoon when there were few customers, and sat at my usual table near the stairway. I was shocked and almost displeased to perceive that the glass cigar case by the orchestra stand had been smashed to smithereens. I did not like things to happen in Old Munich. Nothing had ever happened there before.

Walter No. 18 came and breathed on my neck. I was his by right of discovery. Eighteen's brain was built like a corral. It was full of ideas which, when he opened the gate, came huddling out like a flock of sheep that might get together afterward and might not. I did not shine as a

## THINK BOMBERS SAME RED BAND AFTER PALMER

New York Blast Laid to Men Who Tried to Blow Up Residence Here.

### PAMPHLETS IN MAILS

Circulars Signed "American Anarchists" Found Near Wall Street.

New York's bomb explosion, which wrought devastation of life and buildings Thursday noon, was the work of anarchists of the same ring who bombed the home of Attorney General Palmer here June 2, last year, according to information revealed by the Department of Justice here last night.

A large number of signs with the inscription: "Remember, we will not tolerate any longer. From the political prisoners or it will be sure death for all of you," and signed "American Anarchist Fighters" were found in a street letter box at the southwest corner of Cedar street and Broadway at 11:28 a. m. the day of the explosion, by David Cohen, a letter carrier of the Hudson Terminal Postoffice station.

### Signatures the Same

The pamphlets were printed in red ink with rubber stamps. The signature "Anarchist Fighters" is the same as was signed to the pamphlets "Plain Words" found in the vicinity of Attorney General Palmer's home here. It is identical between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets the night of the attempt to blow up his residence. The carrier of the bomb at that time was killed in planting it.

Attempts to round up members of the plot to bomb Attorney General Palmer's home and also eleven other prominent homes of prominent government officials the same night were frustrated when a prisoner, claimed by Department of Justice officials to be the connecting link with the ring, committed suicide by jumping from the window of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice at New York.

### Get Clues From Flynn

Director Flynn of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, now in charge of a squad of agents of the department at New York, forwarded the information of the pamphlets to Attorney General Palmer's office last night. Robert Scott, secretary to Attorney General Palmer, declared it was most significant in the eyes of the department men investigating the case.

The pamphlets headed "Plain Words" found here at the time of the bomb explosion at Attorney General Palmer's home read in part: "There will have to be bloodshed. We will not dodge. We will kill because it is necessary. There will have to be destruction. We will destroy to rid the world of your tyrannical institutions."

### Pardons Asked Tuesday

Significant with the bomb explosion in New York was the request made to Attorney General Palmer Tuesday for full freedom to all political prisoners at the request of the executive committee of the Socialist party. James O'Neill, Bertha Malley and George Rower, members of the committee, appeared before Attorney General Palmer.

Robert Scott, Attorney General Palmer's secretary, last week called attention to the fact that the appropriation for the Department of Justice had been cut about one-third by Congress. Three weeks after the department was forced to reduce its force because of a cut in appropriations this outrage was perpetrated," he said.

### Seek Record of Suspect

Immediately after getting the news of E. P. Fischer's arrest in Ontario, Canada, yesterday officials of the Department of Justice and Military Intelligence started a search through records to see if they had account of his previous activities. They refused to state what the results were.

### French Threaten LEAGUE WITHDRAWAL

Paris, Sept. 17.—The Echo de Paris today said the French government had instructed its representative to the league of nations council, Leon Bourgeois, that France will withdraw from the league if Germany is admitted at the forthcoming conference at Geneva.

## McGraw Expelled, Boyd Suspended From Lambs Club

New York, Sept. 14.—John J. McGraw of the Giants has been expelled from the Lambs Club, and William H. Boyd, with whom he had an altercation in the grill of the clubhouse, suspended for a year. The action is a result of the row which resulted in injuries to John C. Slavin, the comedian. Slavin's skull was fractured, and he is still seriously ill.

Winfield Liggett, the retired naval officer who figured in the affair, was not called before the board of directors, as everyone agreed that he had not participated.

Notice of the action of the club was posted on the bulletin board last night. Officials have refused to comment on the action saying the affair was one which concerned the club only.

## HARDING CALLS PACT ILLEGAL

Can't Be Governed From Both Geneva and Washington, He Says.

### (By Universal Service.)

Marion, Ohio, Sept. 17.—"The Constitution or the covenant—that, my countrymen, is the paramount issue. The two are irreconcilable. We cannot be governed from both Geneva and Washington."

Senator Warren G. Harding, in these words clearly defined the issue of the campaign today.

The largest crowds that have come to the front porch since notification today spread out for two blocks on either side of the Harding home to hear the candidate deliver his speech on the 133rd anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution.

The demonstration incidentally marked the beginning of the Republican campaign to carry Ohio in the elections. From now on to election day no efforts will be spared to swing the home State of both Presidential candidates into the Republican column.

The crowd of more than 7,000 frequently interrupted the nominee's speech with cheers.

## Must Increase Pay of Teachers To Get Adequate Instruction, Russell Sage Foundation Plea

On the eve of the opening of schools, the Russell Sage Foundation, in a report analyzing school statistics throughout the country, takes the view that Washington teachers' salaries should be double their pre-war status in order to get the same quality of educational service.

Dr. Frank W. Ballou, present Superintendent of Schools, is studying the statement of the Sage Foundation.

Dr. Ballou called attention to the meeting called by the Board of Education for 8 p. m. next Monday night for the purpose of allowing teachers to express themselves. He voiced the hope that every Washington teacher would be able to attend that meeting.

### Other Employees on Tuesday

At the same hour on Tuesday night the board will hear janitors, engineers and laborers of the school system on the same question.

Wednesday night has been set aside for civic bodies and citizens' associations for the discussion of school construction, improvements to buildings and grounds and other school needs.

Dr. Ballou reiterated his suggestion made at the board meeting

## EXPERT BARÈS U. S. DILEMMA IN EXPLOSIVES

Dr. Munroe of Bureau of Mines Says They Are Easy to Obtain.

### LACK OF FUNDS CITED

No Appropriation for Regulations Act Created During the War.

Explosives may be obtained with comparative ease by radicals through failure of Congress to appropriate funds for the proper functioning of the explosives, regulations department of the United States Bureau of Mines, according to Charles Edward Munroe, consulting expert of the United States Bureau of Mines.

Dr. Munroe, who heads the department of the bureau created during the war for the regulation of explosives, commented on the New York outrage last night.

### "Technically at War"

"Although we are still technically in a state of war," he said, "and unusual quantities of explosives are on hand in this country, the last session of Congress failed to appropriate funds for the functioning of this department which is charged with the enforcement of the explosive regulations act created as a 'midnight measure' during the war."

"While this department was functioning, the explosives officials were maintained throughout the United States and no man could buy, sell, or possess explosives without a license from our inspectors."

### Funds Soon Exhausted

"When the armistice was signed there still remained \$15,000 from a wartime appropriation, but these funds have been long since exhausted and we have been forced to suspend our activities. Our inspectors have been withdrawn from the various States and we are no longer able to exercise the police power, which conditions demand."

"Since peace has not been declared in the opinion of the Attorney General, this department must still function, but we are helpless," Dr. Munroe, who is internationally known as the inventor of smokeless powder and the author of over 100 books and papers on chemistry and explosives, has served the government on many important boards and committees. He headed the committee which investigated the attempted destruction of the Capitol July 2, 1915, by Frank Holt, the Cornell professor who shot J. Pierpont Morgan.

## RICHEST U. S. BACHELOR WEDS RUSS ACTRESS

Paris, Sept. 17.—Alex Smith Cochran, millionaire manufacturer of New York and prominent here, secretly married Ganna Walska, a Russian vaudeville actress Wednesday.

The bride was formerly a Petrograd favorite. Last season she was known both in New York and Chicago where attempts were made to start her on an American theatrical career. Cochran has long been considered the wealthiest bachelor in the United States. When 45 he inherited the Smith Carpet Mills, at Yonkers.

## WANTS BRIEFS SUBMITTED

Dr. Ballou requested that, in view of the short time to be allowed each speaker, that briefs be prepared covering essential facts in the address, for study by the superintendent.

It is presumed that the information gained at the meetings will be used by Dr. Ballou as a basis for his estimate to Congress covering the financial needs of the District school system.

The purchasing power of the teachers' salary during the past two years has been less than at any other time since the civil war, Dr. Burgess declared.

The only way to retain efficient teachers in service and at the same time attract able men and women in teaching, he maintained, is to bring salaries to a level corresponding to the level of the wages in other occupations and the level of the cost of living.

## Did you ever have anybody hand you a double handful of good luck?

He had more than that," said Eighteen. "He was my friend. He was an advertisement. The boss hired him to stand on the stairs for a kind of scenery to show there was something doing in the has-been line upstairs. What did you call him—a what kind of a beer?"

"A halberdier," said I. "That was an ancient man-at-arms of many hundred years ago."

"Some mistake," said Eighteen. "This one wasn't that old. He wasn't over twenty-three or four."

"It was the boss's idea, rigging a man up in an anti-bellum suit of tinware and standing him on the landing of the slosh. He bought the goods at a Fourth avenue antique store, and hung a sign out: 'Able-bodied halberdier wanted. Costume furnished.'"

"The same morning a young man with wrecked good clothes and a hungry look comes in, bringing the sign with him. I was filling the mustard-pots at my station."

"I'm it," says he, "whatever it is. But I never halberdied in a restaurant. Put me on. It is a masquerade."

"I hear talk in the kitchen of a fishball," says I.

"Bully for you, Eighteen,"

## CLUES IN BOMB OUTRAGE MAY LEAD TO ARRESTS WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS

Investigators Get Detailed Description of Man Who Drove Wagon Carrying Infernal Machine and Who Hurried Away Just Before Blast—Search Leads to Junk Shops

### (By Universal Service.)

New York, Sept. 17.—The explosion which yesterday wrecked the heart of the country's financial district, wiped out thirty-seven lives, and injured between 200 and 300 persons was due to a bomb deliberately constructed for the purpose.

This was the statement officially given out by United States Department of justice agents tonight.

## Attorney General Heads Bomb Hunt



MITCHELL PALMER.

Attorney General Palmer and Francis P. Garvan, Assistant Attorney General in charge of anti-radical activities, went to New York yesterday to direct the bomb investigation. They carried with them many office files relating to activities by the extremists, methods of various groups and the records of many individuals now under surveillance.

## LIVING COST GOING DOWN

Labor Department Officials Optimistic on H. C. L. And Coal Strike.

The peak of high prices was reached about the middle of last July, and since that time the cost of most staple commodities has declined steadily, according to officials of the Department of Labor yesterday.

Important among the reductions were those in the wholesale and retail prices of flour, sugar, meat, and clothing which average approximately 4 per cent.

It was confidently predicted that during the coming six months prices will fall to lower levels than have been known since early in the war. The clothing business especially is said to be "battering on its toes."

Hugh Kerwin, conciliator of the Department of Labor, stated yesterday that the anthracite strike is practically a closed issue. Most of the miners have returned to work, he says, and the rest cannot remain out much longer. While a temporary shortage of anthracite coal is expected to result, the price, it was stated, will not be seriously affected, and it is hoped that the shortage will be made good before winter sets in.

## MORGAN "IN TOUCH" BUT KEEPS IN HIDING

London, Sept. 17.—J. P. Morgan, the head of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company, through the London office of his firm's in constant touch with the New York situation. The office forwarded his inquiry about the injuries of his son, Junius Spencer Morgan.

A veil of absolute secrecy is drawn about his whereabouts. Not a single one of the agents nor the shooting lodges or other vacation spots of England knows where he is.

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says he. "You and I'll get on. Show me the boss's desk."

"Well, the boss tries the Harveized pajamas on him, and they fitted him like the scales on a baked rednappee, and he gets the job. You've seen what it is—he stood straight up in the corner of the first landing with his halberd to his shoulder, guarding the Portugals of the castle. The boss is nutty about having the true 'Halberdies' go with Rindlesloshes," says he, "just as rats go with ratskellers and white cotton stockings with Tyrolean Villages." The boss is a kind of a

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